

Witchcraft & Wine!

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Shortly before Hallowe'en on October 21, 2015, the Jacob Burns Law Library and the Academic SIS of the Law Librarians' Society of Washington, D.C. (LLSDC) hosted a Witchcraft & Wine reception in the Tasher Great Room of the Law Library.



Immediate Past President of LLSDC Mary Kate Hunter opens a bottle of red to kick off Witchcraft & Wine.

The in-house witchcraft expert, Library Director Scott Pagel, the Director of Special Collections, Jennie Meade, and the Reference/Legal History & Rare Books Librarian, Karen Wahl, mounted and attended a display of rare books from the Law Library's Special Collections.

The books chosen for the display fell into one of three categories: works advocating the prosecution of accused witches, such as the 1495 edition of the *Malleus Maleficarum* by Heinrich Institoris; works opposing the prosecution of witchcraft allegations, such as a second edition from 1632 of the *Cautio Criminalis* by Friedrich von Spee; and several notable witchcraft trials such as *Histoire des Diables de Loudun* (1693).

Librarians from local academic, private law firm, and government agency libraries viewed the works and learned about the collection from Director Pagel. A devilishly good time was had by all! B